

COMMODITY MARKETS

DAIRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER: Owing to an increased demand from local jobbing houses, and an active inquiry over the cable, butter prices have firmed up considerably, current quotations being a full cent over last week's figures. The continued demand from English buyers is attributed to the shortage in the make in England and the fact that she is still suffering from the embargo that was placed by the Russian Government some time ago on all exports from that country, and also from the smaller supplies coming forward from Denmark and Sweden. The market on the whole has been active, with a large volume of business doing.

CHEESE: This market continues to advance owing to the export demand and the keen competition in buying at country points. Prices look exceedingly high for the time of year and it is practically impossible for anyone to form any opinion of the future trend of values with any degree of accuracy.

The make of cheese is keeping up fairly well considering the weather and the pastures show material improvement after the recent rains.

Current quotations follow:

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| Butter: | | |
| Fresh creamery solids | 0.33½ | 0.34 |
| Do., prints, country made | 0.33½ | 0.34 |
| Seconds | 0.32 | 0.32½ |
| Dairy butter | 0.27 | 0.28 |
| Pale mild butter, ½ to 1% salt, for export | 0.33½ | 0.34 |
| City Selling Prices to grocers: | | |
| Choice Creamery Solids | 0.35 | |
| Do., Prints, city cut | 0.35½ | |
| Cooking butter | 0.30 | |
| Cheese: | | |
| Finest Western | 0.19 | 0.19½ |
| Finest Eastern | 0.18½ | 0.19 |
| Fine Cheese | 0.18 | |

PROVISIONS.

The market on live hogs continues to advance to record levels and will finally result in higher priced products. Old Country demand is very good and it is expected that the market on pork products will remain firm unless there is a break in the live hog prices. There is no change in lard, prices being firmly maintained with an active trade doing in pure leaf grades at 16c to 16½c per lb.

Current prices are as follows:

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| Hams: | | Per lb. |
| Smoked Hams, 8-14 lbs. | 0.26 | |
| Do., 14-20 lbs. | 0.24 | |
| Do., 20-25 lbs. | 0.23 | |
| Do., over 25 lbs. | 0.22 | |
| Bacon: | | |
| Breakfast | 0.27 | |
| Windsor Bacon, selected | 0.27 | |
| Windsor Bacon, boneless | 0.29 | |
| Barrel Pork: | | Per bbl. |
| Short cut pork | 34.50 | |
| Clear Fat Pork, 40-50 | 34.00 | |
| Clear Fat Pork | 34.50 | |
| Clear Fat Pork, 30-40 | 34.50 | |
| Mess Pork | 33.00 | |
| Bean Pork, Canadian | 28.00 | |
| Barrel Beef: | | |
| Plate Beef, 200 lbs. | 24.00 | |
| Pure Lard: | | pound. |
| Tierces | 0.17 | |
| Tubs | 0.17½ | |
| Pails | 0.17½ | |
| Tins | 0.17 | |
| Cases, 3, 5, 10's | 0.18 | |
| Prints | 0.18½ | |
| Compound Lard: | | |
| Western Grades: | | |
| Tierces | 0.13½ | |
| Tubs | 0.14 | |
| Tins | 0.14 | |
| Cases, 3, 5, 10's | 0.14 | |
| Prints | 0.15 | |
| Cooked meats: | | |
| Roast shoulders pork | 0.36 | |
| Roast ham, boneless | 0.39 | |
| Cooked hams, rind off | 0.37 | |
| Head cheese | 0.09 | |
| Jellied pork tongues | 0.30 | |
| Blood pudding | 0.09½ | |
| White pudding | 0.08 | |
| English brawn | 0.11 | |

FIRST CAR OF NEW CROP WHEAT.

Mr. J. E. Macfarlane, general manager of the Western Canada Flour Mills Company, Limited, wires that one of the first cars of new crop Manitoba spring wheat was received at Winnipeg last week, which graded No. 2 northern, and it was consigned to his company.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS: The weather continues so warm that most dealers are having their eggs shipped by express and claim that it pays as the quality on arrival is so much better this way. Trade service has been very slow of late and some improvement in this respect is hoped for. Eggs are perishable goods and should be given quick dispatch. The quality of eggs is showing a wide range. Strictly new laid eggs are 32c and on ordinary stale eggs 25c f.o.b. loss off. During the past week there has been some enquiry for export both for prompt and fall shipment.

POULTRY: Deliveries of live poultry have been exceptionally good this week, particularly on ducklings and broilers. The quality is improving considerably as farmers are giving more attention to fattening their poultry. Prices remain steady, and all supplies are meeting with a ready sale.

HONEY: The new crop is now being delivered, and the quality is said to be exceptionally fine. Some country dealers are holding out for high prices which most buyers claim will not be paid. The crop in most sections has been a fairly good one.

MAPLE PRODUCT: The condition of the market for maple product is unchanged, prices being fully maintained, with a steady business passing for the season of the year in small lots to fill actual wants.

BEANS: The tone of the market for beans is very firm owing to the limited supply available on spot, for which there is a fair demand to meet actual requirements.

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| Eggs: | |
| Special New Laid | 0.37 |
| Extras | 0.33 |
| No. 1 | 0.30 |
| No. 2 | 0.25 |

Poultry—Live:

| | per pound. |
|------------------------|------------|
| Fowls, 5 lbs. and over | 0.18 0.19 |
| Fowl, small | 0.16 0.17 |
| Turkeys, cocks | 0.24 0.25 |
| Do., hens | 0.24 0.25 |

Fresh Killed Poultry:

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Turkeys, cocks | 0.25 0.26 |
| Do., hens | 0.24 0.25 |
| Fowls, hens | 0.20 0.21 |
| Do., roosters | 0.16 0.17 |
| Broilers, 2½ to 3 lbs., per lb. | 0.18 0.19 |
| Do., 2 to 2½ lbs., per lb. | 0.18 0.19 |
| Do., 2 to 2½ lbs., per lb. | 0.18 0.19 |
| Squabs | 0.35 0.40 |

Frozen stock:

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Turkeys | 0.31 0.32 |
| Ducks | 0.25 0.27 |
| Geese | 0.16 0.17 |
| Roasting chickens, ord. | 0.25 |

Maple Products:

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| Pure maple syrup, quart cans | 0.40 |
| Pure maple syrup, 9-lb. tins | 1.00 1.05 |
| Extra choice syrup, 13-lb. tins | 1.25 1.30 |
| Pure maple sugar, per lb. | 0.12 0.14 |

Honey:

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|-----------------------|------------|
| White clover, in comb | 0.15 0.16 |
| Brown clover, in comb | 0.12½ 0.13 |
| White extracted | 0.12 0.12½ |
| Brown extracted | 0.10 0.11 |
| Buckwheat honey | 0.09 0.10 |

Beans:

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| Can. hand picked, carlots | 5.50 |
| Five-lb. pickers | 5.20 5.40 |
| Seven-lb. pickers | 5.00 5.10 |

Potatoes:

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| Red Stars, per bbl., car lots | 3.25 |
| Do., job lots, ex store | 3.50 3.75 |

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended August 12th, 1916, compared with the previous week, and the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:

| | Aug. 12, 1916. | Aug. 19, 1916. | Aug. 21, 1915. |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| No. 1 Northern | 754 | 1,288 | ... |
| No. 2 Northern | 714 | 588 | ... |
| No. 3 Northern | 569 | 377 | ... |
| No. 4 Northern | 243 | 171 | ... |
| No. 5 Northern | 77 | 48 | ... |
| No. 6 Northern | 26 | 20 | ... |
| Other grades | 440 | 382 | ... |
| Winter grades | 21 | 10 | ... |
| Totals | 3,736 | 2,884 | 220 |
| Oats | 1,157 | 1,092 | 50 |
| Barley | 227 | 141 | 14 |
| Flax | 174 | 135 | 9 |

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: Trading was very slow at both the Monday and Wednesday's sales as the quality of the stock coming forward was of poorer quality than usual. The volume of receipts was large, and as dealers seemed to be pretty well stocked up drovers were bound to accept lower prices. The result has been that prices for all classes of cattle are 25c to 50c lower than a week ago. The canning season is about commencing and this provides the most active feature of the trade for the time being.

As regards small meats, lambs are coming in very freely and as the quality is poor prices have a weaker tendency. It is reported that Mr. Fisher of the New England Dressed Meat Co. has been buyer of lambs, sheep and calves in this market for export to Boston. There is no change to note in calves, for which prices are firmly maintained under an active demand. The hog market continues very firm with a brisk trade passing at very high prices. Prices touched record levels last Monday when one buyer paid \$13.25 for a three-deck carload of select hogs. Receipts were somewhat under last week's totals.

TORONTO: Owing to heavy supplies of all grades of cattle prices at the close of last week were quoted at slightly lower figures. Common cattle show the biggest decline being about 50c down from the previous week. Butcher cattle were also easier though firmer than the common stuff. Calves show practically no change. Lambs fluctuated from one day to the other, but closing prices were about the same as the previous week. Light, handy sheep were also steady, selling at \$8.00 to \$8.75. Hogs reached unprecedented levels, \$13.25 being paid at three consecutive days; sales for stock weighed off cars. An easier feeling was noted before closing on Friday.

Quotations for round lots were as follows:—

| | Montreal. | Per cwt. | Toronto. |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Butcher steers, best | 8.25 8.50 | 8.00 | 8.40 |
| Do., good | 7.75 | 8.00 | 8.15 |
| Do., fair | 7.25 | 7.75 | 7.70 |
| Do., medium | 6.00 | 6.50 | 7.00 |
| Do., rough | 5.25 | 6.25 | 6.50 |
| Butcher cows, best | 5.25 | 7.00 | 7.25 |
| Do., good | 5.50 | 6.75 | 6.75 |
| Do., medium | 5.00 | 6.50 | 6.75 |
| Butcher bulls, best | 6.50 | 7.10 | 7.35 |
| Do., good | 6.50 | 7.00 | 6.80 |
| Do., medium | 4.50 | 5.50 | 6.00 |
| Light ewes | 7.00 | 7.25 | 8.00 |
| Heavy sheep | 6.50 | 7.00 | 5.50 |
| Lambs | 8.50 | 10.75 | 0.11½ 0.12 |
| Hogs, selects, weighed | | | |
| Do., fed and watered | 12.75 | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| Do., roughs and mixed lots | 11.50 | 12.75 | 12.00 12.15 |
| Calves, choice, per lb. | 0.05 | 0.07 | 10.00 12.00 |
| Do., medium | | | 8.00 10.00 |
| Do., common | | | 6.00 7.50 |

MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Receipts of the principal commodities at Montreal for the past two weeks follow:

| | Aug. 19, 1916. | Aug. 12, 1916. |
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| Wheat, bushels | 2,470,601 | 2,368,810 |
| Oats, bushels | 1,002,900 | 2,012,092 |
| Barley, bushels | 63,788 | 165,324 |
| Flour, barrels | 275,513 | 238,496 |
| Eggs, cases | 8,648 | 8,790 |
| Butter, packages | 16,575 | 33,000 |
| Cheese, boxes | 70,334 | 88,549 |
| Potatoes | 201 | 7 |
| Hay | 5,891 | 3,000 |

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

The following table shows the receipts of butter, cheese and eggs in Montreal for the week ended August 19th, 1916, with comparisons:

| | Butter, pkgs. | Cheese, boxes. | Eggs, cases. |
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| Week ended Aug. 19, 1916. | 16,575 | 71,434 | 8,648 |
| Week ended Aug. 12, 1916. | 23,000 | 88,549 | 7,790 |
| Week ended Aug. 21, 1915 | 12,574 | 69,842 | 10,151 |
| Total receipts May 1st, to date season 1916. | 262,828 | 1,217,746 | 280,073 |
| Total receipts May 1st to date season 1915 | 219,951 | 1,189,309 | 282,969 |